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APPROVAL ON THE CLOSURE REPORT FOR TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 800, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Newton:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated October 2004, prepared by Shaw Environmental, Inc and the response to our comment letter dated August 4, 2005. The closure report summarizes the additional soil sampling results conducted in January 2003. Based on agreements reached during a site visit on August 27, 2002, four confirmation samples were collected from two hand auger boring locations at 18 and 36 inches below ground surface. The samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), Semi-VOCs, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), pesticides, and metals.

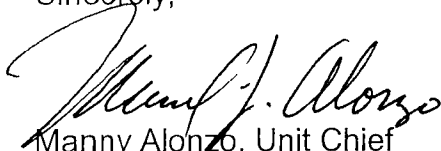
TAA 800, also known as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 229, was identified as a Hazardous Waste Storage Area (HWSA) during the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Assessment (RFA). The HWSA consisted of a 10 feet by 20 feet concrete pad surrounded by a concrete berm covered by an aluminum roof and is located in the southeast quadrant of the base. The HWSA was used to store waste oil, antifreeze, expired batteries, hydraulic fluid, and waste grease.

DTSC is satisfied that its comments raised in the August 4, 2005 letter have been adequately addressed. Also, we agree with the Navy's recommendation that this unit should be identified as "closed" and suitable for residential uses in the next Base Realignment Closure Business Plan update. The net carcinogenic risk is less than 10^{-6} .

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for residential scenario and the non-cancer hazard index for detected chemicals is less than 1.0 for residential scenario. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Frank Cheng, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5395.

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